GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5943
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2003
EXPORT OF TOBACCO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of various kinds of tobacco and tobacco products exported from the country during each of the last three years, variety-wise and product-wise;

(b) the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the said period;

(c) whether the Government propose to boost export of tobacco;

(d) if so, the projection made for 2003-04 and for entire Tenth Plan; and

(e) the steps being taken to achieve the goal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5943 by Shri Aditya Nath Yogi for answer on 02.05.2003 regarding `Export of Tobacco`.

(a) Exports of different varieties of unmanufactured tobacco for last three years:

Quantity in tons; Value: Rupees in lakhs

Variety	2000-2001		2001-2002		2002-2003#	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Flue Cured Virginia	64638	50997.02	57126	48273.07	59650	48579.45
Burley	9810	6510.55	11036	5584.72	13543	7465.85
Sun Cured Natu	6670	2924.78	5354	2412.49	3055	1279.68
Top leaf/Jutty	4923	2062.50	1734	772.70	2020	741.30
Lal Chopadia	6869	2398.94	6026	1665.25	5182	1430.46
Judi	2656	649.79	2287	453.53	1403	328.24
Others	4971	2160.29	2447	1126.88	2061	1086.22
Total:	100537	67703.87	86010	60288.64	86914	60911.20

(Source : Tobacco Board)
: April-February, 2003

(ii) Exports of tobacco products for the last three years:

Quantity in tons; Value: Rupees in lakhs

Product	2000-2001		2001-2002		2002-2003#	

	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Cigarettes	2016	5651.53	2883	8488.30	4199	10937.93
Bidis	962	3295.88	961	3337.48	959	3251.53
Chewing tobacco	1953	9433.38	2640	12494.05	1976	9995.89
Hookah Tobacco Paste	9543	3423.08	8910	3482.85	9281	3304.60
Cut Tobacco	907	803.98	663	714.34	1277	1078.04
Others	12	26.56	19	45.71	48	58.17
Total:	15393	22634.49	16076	28562.73	17740	28626.16

(Source : Tobacco Board)
: April-February, 2003

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Tobacco Board has projected exports for tobacco and tobacco products for 2003-04 at the same level as far 2002-03 viz around 115,000 tons valued at Rs 980 crores. For the entire 10th Plan period, the projected figures are 686,300 tons valued at Rs 5769 crores.

(e) Steps taken to enhance exports of tobacco include, inter alia, reorientation of production of tobacco to meet changing international demands, enhancement of quality and productivity levels, monitoring control of pesticide residues, aligning grading to international standards, sponsoring of trade delegations to potential importing countries, participation in tobacco fairs etc.